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KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement)

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The following earnings release was issued on July 23, 1996:

WESTERN RESOURCES REPORTS MAJOR JUMP IN EARNINGS

WHOLESALE ELECTRIC REVENUES LEAD THE WAY

TOPEKA, Kansas, July 23, 1996 -- Spurred by a 56 percent increase in
wholesale electricity sales, Western Resources today announced a 33 percent
increase in earnings per share of common stock compared to the same quarter
one year ago.

"This increase is another validation of our strategy to maintain Western
Resources as a strong regional utility as we continue expanding into new
unregulated areas. While the core residential, commercial and industrial
electric sales were up due to the weather in our service area, it is most
satisfying to see the growth in our wholesale business, developing our
position as the leading wholesaler of electricity in this region," said
John E. Hayes, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer.

Earnings were \$0.40 per share, which is up from the \$0.30 per share recorded

during the second quarter of 1995. Net income year-to-date is up 16 percent compared to last year.

Operating income for the second quarter of 1996 was \$59,020,000. Operating revenues for the second quarter 1996 were \$436,121,000, up 17 percent from the second quarter of last year.

Total electric sales for April through June of 1996 grew 19 percent compared to last year. Residential sales were up 20 percent, commercial sales were up 9 percent and industrial sales were up 3 percent for the second quarter.

Wholesale electricity sales to other utilities, electric cooperatives and municipalities were up 534.4 million kilowatt-hours, or 56 percent ahead of last year's second quarter sales volumes. "Our results reflect more than the warm weather. They reflect a successful cost containment program and savings through early retirement programs implemented last year. They reflect the success of Western Resources management and vision as the utility marketplace continues to change," said Hayes.

Western Resources (NYSE:WR) is a diversified energy company. Its utilities, operating in Kansas and Oklahoma, provide natural gas service to approximately 650,000 customers and electric service to approximately 600,000 customers. Through its subsidiaries, Westar Energy, Westar Security, Westar Capital, and The Wing Group, energy-related products and services are developed and marketed in the continental U.S., and offshore.

For more information about Western Resources and its operating companies, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.wstnres.com>.

	Quarter Ended June 30,		Twelve Months Ended June 30,	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
1. Operating Revenues	\$436,121,000	\$372,295,000	\$1,812,983,000	\$1,640,188,000
2. Net Income	\$28,746,000	\$21,716,000	\$191,920,000	\$154,358,000
3. Earnings Applicable to Common Stock	\$25,392,000	\$18,362,000	\$178,501,000	\$140,940,000
4. Average Common Shares Outstanding	63,465,666	61,885,556	62,903,857	61,716,449
5. Earnings per Average Common Share Outstanding	\$0.40	\$0.30	\$2.84	\$2.28
6. Net Utility Plant (after depreciation)	\$4,348,305,000	\$4,319,335,000		

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